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In re Application of:	)	
MELANIE REMBRANDT	)	Group Art Unit 3728
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Serial No. 10/686,999	)	Examiner Marie D. Patterson
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Filed: October 16, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 7430
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For: TAP DANCING SHOE WITH	)	Attorney Docket 1-22101
SHOCK ABSORBING CUSHION	)	

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected independent Claim 5 as being obvious in view of the Stafford reference combined with either one of the Esmonde or Carrara references. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 5 defines the invention as a tap dancing shoe that includes a sole including a front portion, a rear portion, a top surface, and a bottom surface and an upper that is secured to the sole and defines a shoe cavity. A front tap plate is secured to the bottom surface of the front portion of the sole. A heel is attached to the